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Eleven birders enjoyed an absolutely beautiful morning at Moss Bluff on Wednesday, 4/17. The primary focus was on the rookery's many Great Egret and Anhinga nests. We had great looks at young birds ranging from fuzzy balls begging for food to those exercising their wings for the first flight. A highlight was viewing 4 Swallow Tailed Kites circling above us, as well as a Piliated Woodpecker near the parking lot. A total of 26 species were seen, thanks to the sharp eyes and "good" ears of the participants.

Species seen: Mallard/mottled Duck, Mourning Dove, Common Gallinule, Limpkin, Sandhill Crane, Anhinga, Great Egret, Cattle Egret (in route), Great Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Swallow-tailed Kite, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red Bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Red eyed Vireo, American Crow, Fish Crow, Tufted Titmouse, Marsh Wren, Carolina Wren, Gray Catbird, Northern Parula, Northern Cardinal.

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